



All Souls Catholic Church



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PASTORAL CENTER HOURS
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays/Entre Semana
Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Saturday/Vigil:
5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo
English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm
Español: 10:30am

Holy Days to be Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-5pm & by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Pastoral Center for a priest.
Uncion de los Enfermos: favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para contactar a un sacerdote.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Español: El primer sábado del mes a las 10am
English: Third Saturday of the month at 10am

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Book for an appointment at least 6 months in advance
Llame al Centro Parroquial por lo menos 6 meses antes

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour: 1st Friday of the month at 7pm (Bilingual)

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and to grow through worship and spiritual formation. We are brothers and sisters in Christ led by the Holy Spirit to witness the Good News to all.

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| Cursillos in Christianity | Aida Gonzalez |
| English Bible Study | Sheila Henderson-Linan |
| Spanish Bible Study | Maria de Jesus Martinez |
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| Guadalupanos | Carmen Ramirez |
| Rosario de Misericordia | Angelina Farias |
| Our Lord's Mission | Josephine Espinosa |
| St. Vincent de Paul | Rosemary Gramajo |
| Amigos de Jesus | Estela Murga |
| Filipino Ministry | Rose Pichon |
| Young Adult Mtry. | Leticia Urtecho |
| Youth Ministry | Vivian Vasquez |
| Catholic Women's Association | Ma Grace N. Tima |



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 Lucy Tsang
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 Cynthia Manriquez
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 Guadalupe Nevarez
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 Francis Araiza
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 Sonia Gorope

Annette Lopez
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 Ethelyn Beltran
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 Cecilia Chow
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 Ray Argueta & Family
 Jose Crespo
 Joe Negrete
 Bernardina Castañeda
 Reyes Family
 Mercedes Tarrazona
 Fernando Torres
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 Cidronio Abelar
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 Juanita Madrigal
 Mark Venegas
 Marco de la Garza
 Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
 Elizabeth Pham
 Rosa Benalcazar

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year "C"

The transfiguration of the Lord (Jesus Christ)

Years ago, my girlfriend left me, and I'll be honest - it devastated me. I was pulled into a deep, dark hole of self-destruction. I felt utterly lost and couldn't see a way out. But despite all that pain, something inside me pushed me to find out what I was truly made of. I turned to extreme sports, picking up skydiving and scuba diving - both things that absolutely terrified me but intrigued me at the same time. I wanted to push my limits and see if I could turn my life around.

On my very first skydive, something went terribly wrong.

I experienced what's known as a bag lock, where my parachute didn't open properly. I was paralyzed with fear, frozen mid-air, unsure if this was how it would end. As I reached for my reserve chute, my main chute suddenly deployed, just 500 meters above the ground. It was the closest I've ever come to death, and that terror stayed with me long after. Every time I went up in the plane after that incident, I felt sick with anxiety.

I was afraid, and I won't pretend otherwise. But something inside me refused to give up. No matter how much my stomach churned as we climbed higher, no matter how scared I felt, I kept going back. I kept jumping. I wanted to conquer that fear, to prove to myself that it wouldn't hold me back. And slowly, after many jumps, the fear began to subside. Eventually, skydiving even became fun - something I'd never imagined possible after that first experience.

Around the same time, I was working towards another goal - joining the Special Forces in my country. I dedicated years of my life to that ambition, pouring everything I had into it. But just two months before I was set to graduate, I was kicked out of the program, with no real explanation as to why. After all the hard work, the sacrifices, and the commitment, being rejected at the final hurdle was devastating. The frustration was immense. It felt like all my effort had been for nothing, and I was left questioning everything.

In the wake of that setback, I transitioned into working in governmental personal protection, providing security for the president of my country. It was a high-pressure job, demanding both mental and physical resilience. Although it was far from what I'd initially planned for myself, it taught me invaluable lessons about discipline, patience, and staying calm under pressure.

But amidst all of this, I came to an important realization. I began to understand that my happiness is not tied to external success or validation; it doesn't come from what people might think of me. I didn't need to rely on the approval of others to find fulfillment. Instead, I started to push my limits in ways that were meaningful to me - whether that was continuing to skydive, learning new skills, or setting personal challenges that allowed me to grow. I found joy in the process of self-improvement rather than just focusing on the end goal (Reddit - "Facing fears and embracing new beginnings: my unexpected journey").

The transfiguration is a foundational event in the life and ministry of Jesus. It was a moment of divine encounter and spiritual renewal. In the midst of their worries and fears, God revealed the true nature of Jesus to His apostles. Jesus in neither Moses nor Elijah (teacher - law or prophet), Jesus is the "chosen Son of God" and we are called to listen to Him that we may have life and have it in abundance.

During the transfiguration God reveals His love for Jesus. Let us remember that at this point in the life of Jesus, the conspiracy to betray and kill Jesus was ripe. Jesus knows it but it appears to the apostles that Jesus was not doing anything to avert His death. Hence, the fear that enveloped the life of the apostles and the feeling of disappointment that goes with it.

These apostles had a wrong notion of Jesus as the messiah. The apostles were hoping for a conquering messiah who will restore the kingdom to Israel as it was during the reign of King David when Israel was the superpower of the world. The apostles were looking forward to the day Jesus will establish a material kingdom flowing with milk and honey and the death of Jesus will crush their ambition for earthly power and authority.

It was in the midst of their fears and worries that Jesus brought the apostles to the mountain where God revealed to them that Jesus is the Son of God. From this divine encounter, the apostles will be empowered to overcome the fear, scandal and agony of death on the cross and work hard for the civilization of love in the world - a spiritual kingdom of grace.

Like the apostles, life on earth is full of fears and worries that challenge us to question the meaning of life on earth. The transfiguration experience teaches us that knowing who we worship and believe in, is key to a good relationship with God and a peace of mind.

Like Jesus who went up to the mountain to pray, lent is a time of prayer. Prayer is essential for spiritual growth and personal transformation. We should not be shy to do whatever it takes to overcome the crippling effect of fear in the life of a child of God.

Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of law and prophecy (Moses and Elijah). The teachings of the law and the prophets find their ultimate fulfillment in the person of Jesus. In Jesus we find the fullness of God's plan for the salvation of the world. Hence, we have no reason to live in fear.

As the incarnation of God, listening to Jesus is the best way of living in accord with the redemptive plan of God. Moses and Elijah were holy people who did what was pleasing in the eyes of God. However, we are not called to follow them. We are called to follow Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. With Jesus, human redemption is assured.

Finally, true knowledge of God does not isolate us from the world. It empowers us to confront our fears and when we have overcome them, like Jesus, we become agents of transformation in the world. Lent becomes an opportune time for the children of God to carry their cross to follow Jesus, that, we may die with Him and rise with Him on Easter Sunday. Amen.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

March 9, 2025

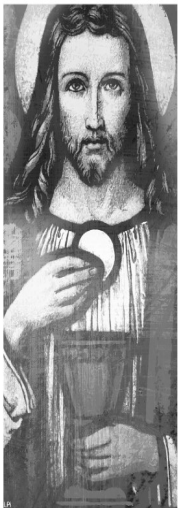
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Thank you for your continuous

Did you know?

As safe adults, we want to be available for the children in our lives to share their worries and fears with us. However, it is natural to be uncomfortable if a child discloses abuse or mistreatment. Asking necessary questions and getting pertinent information is critical to stopping abusive scenarios, although this can be difficult it is important to remember our critical role as safe adults. We are protectors of the children in our lives and we have the power to stop abuse from happening. This always needs to be the priority, over discomfort and uncertainty. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Receiving the Holy Communion

During Communion, once you have received the host, you must consume it immediately. If you return to your seat without consuming the host, an usher or Eucharistic minister may reach out to you to do so right away.

Como Recibir La Sagrada Communion

Para la comunión, una vez que haya recibido la hostia consagrada debe consumirla de inmediato. Si regresa a su asiento sin consumir la hostia, un ujier o ministro eucarístico puede acercarse a usted para decirle que lo haga de inmediato

| SATURDAY | MARCH | 15-2025 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 5:30pm | Teodulo Alba, Sr. | Dec. |
| | Nelson Trinidad | Sp. Int. |
| SUNDAY | MARCH | 16-2025 |
| 7:30am | Eugenio Zamora | Dec. |
| | Thanksgiving | |
| 9:00am | Robert Garcia | Dec. |
| | Alejandro Lipsun | Dec. |
| 10:30am | Josesito Maldonado | Dec. |
| | Esthersita Maldonado | Dec. |
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| 5:30pm | Souls in Purgatory | Sp. Int. |
| | Anna Ha Nu & Phero T Lien | Dec. |
| MONDAY | MARCH | 17-2025 |
| 7:30am | Sor Claudia Elena Rodriguez Sdem | Birthday |
| | Eugenio Zamora | Dec. |
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| TUESDAY | MARCH | 18-2024 |
| 7:30am | Israel Sanchez | Dec. |
| | Eugenio Zamora | Dec. |
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| WEDNESDAY | MARCH | 19-2025 |
| 7:30am | Alicia Guardado | Birthday |
| | Bernard Sen Bin Go | Dec. |
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| THURSDAY | MARCH | 20-2025 |
| 7:30am | Joe Negrete | Birthday |
| | Maria Jones | Birthday |
| FRIDAY | MARCH | 21-2025 |
| 7:30am | Jason Ou | Healing |
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| SATURDAY | MARCH | 22-2025 |
| 7:30am | Israel Sanchez | Dec. |
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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Cuando Pedro, Santiago y Juan presenciaron la transfiguración de Jesús, escucharon a Dios decir: "¡Este es mi Hijo, el elegido! Escúchenlo." A medida que continúa el tiempo de Cuaresma, ¿Qué esperas oír de Dios?

Pregunta de la 1ª lectura:

El Señor Dios prometió a Abram tierra y muchos descendientes porque Abram puso su fe en el Señor. ¿Por qué tienes tú fe en Dios?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo enseña a los Corintios que, al regreso de Jesús, Él cambiará nuestros cuerpos para conformarse a su cuerpo glorificado. ¿Te imaginas cómo será un cuerpo glorificado?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18/Sal 26, 1. 7-8. 8-9. 13-14/
Flp 3, 17-4, 1 o 3, 20-4, 1/Lc 9, 28-36

Lunes: Dn 9, 4-10/Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13/Lc 6, 36-38

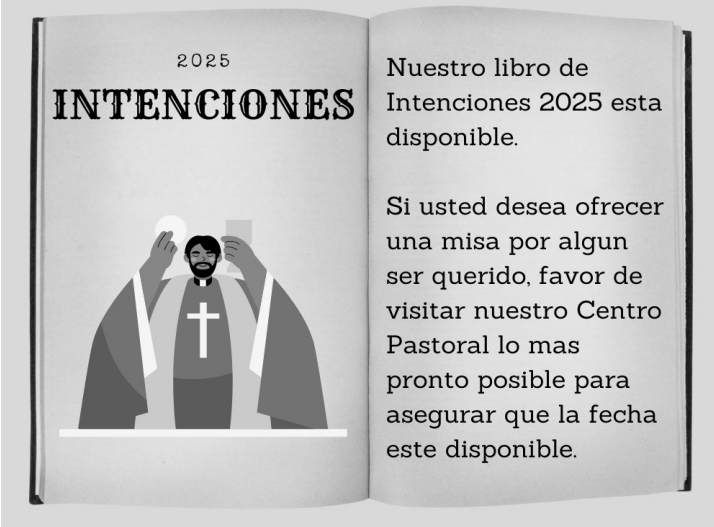
Martes: Is 1, 10. 16-20/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mt 23, 1-12

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/
Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51

Jueves: Jr 17, 5-10/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 16, 19-31

Viernes: Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28/Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/
Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46

Sábado: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/
Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32



Como adultos de confianza, queremos estar disponibles para que los niños de nuestras vidas pueden compartir con nosotros sus preocupaciones y temores. Sin embargo, es natural sentirse incómodo si un niño revela abuso o maltrato. Hacer las preguntas necesarias y obtener la información pertinente es fundamental para prevenir las situaciones de abuso, aunque esto puede ser difícil es importante recordar nuestro papel fundamental como adultos de confianza. Somos protectores de los niños en nuestras vidas y tenemos el poder de evitar el abuso. Esto debe ser siempre la prioridad, antes de la incomodidad y la incertidumbre. Para más información, lee el artículo de VIRTUS® "Superpoderes: los adultos de confianza los tienen" en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

GRUPO DE ORACION

AMIGOS DE JESUS



El grupo de oración, Amigos de Jesús, les invita a unirse a una noche de reflexión, alabanza y oración en comunidad. Las reuniones son a las 7pm cada miércoles. Si gusta unirse, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para mas detalles. Acompañenos!



PEREGRINAJE DE ESPERANZA

Cada veinticinco años desde el 1300, la Iglesia celebra un Jubileo, un "Año Santo para toda la catolicidad". Este supone un momento para "apreciar lo ilimitada que es la misericordia de Dios que, además de otorgar la gracia del perdón de los pecados a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, por la Indulgencia jubilar, limpia y libera de todas las consecuencias que dichos pecados hayan producido en cada uno de nosotros a lo largo de la vida".

El pasado 24 de diciembre, se abrió la Puerta Santa de la Basílica de San Pedro, en el Vaticano, un gesto con el que dio comienzo el Jubileo 2025 bajo el lema 'Peregrinos de esperanza'. El papa Francisco "invita a vivir el Jubileo 2025 como 'peregrinos de esperanza' y pide que estemos disponibles para Dios.

Este 5 de abril, nos uniremos a esta celebración participando en una Peregrinación que empezara en nuestra parroquia de All Souls y terminara en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de lo Angeles.
¡Acompañenos!

PARISH NEWS



Dear Parishioners,
We invite you to join us for a time of reflection and renewal. Our Parish will be hosting a Lenten Retreat, which we hope will give all of us the opportunity to deepen our faith, connect, and prepare for the season.

English: Saturday, March 22, 2025,
9:00am-12 noon with Fr. Austin Doran.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

| DATE | TIME | ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|------------|------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 21st | 7PM | Guadalupanas & English Lectors | Guadalupanas & English Lectors |
| March 28th | 7PM | Amigos de Jesus | Amigos de Jesus |
| April 4th | 7PM | Young Adult | Cursillos |
| April 11th | 7PM | Filipino Ministry | Our Lord's Mission |

After prayer, please join us for a Lenten Soup Supper hosted by our various ministries. Don't miss out on this opportunity to come together as a community in Christ.



On Saturday, April 5, 2025, the Archdiocese is sponsoring a 7-mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" beginning here at our All Souls Church to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The pilgrimage begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30 a.m. Archbishop Gomez will be at All Souls for a prayer service to start the Pilgrimage. Relics, including that of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be here before the Pilgrimage for veneration and for the Pilgrimage. Sign up to participate in the Pilgrimage on the Archdiocesan website, or give us your contact information to help with events here at All Souls, including donations.

MINISTRY MEETING



Dear Ministry Leaders:
There will be an important Ministry Meeting this Monday, March 17th, at 7 pm in the parish hall.



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, is honored as the protector of the Holy Church, as he was also the protector of the Holy Family.

Our brothers and sisters in the Filipino Ministry would like to honor St. Joseph with a novena beginning on March 11th and ending on March 19th. The novena consists of a short prayer recited by the faithful during the 7:30 am Mass each day of the novena. Following the 7:30 am Mass on March 19th, the feast day of St. Joseph, the Filipino Ministry will provide a simple breakfast for Mass attendees.

Novena Prayer:

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now seek.

O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we have confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

O glorious St. Joseph, through your love for Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025

Regular Confession Times:

- ◆ Saturdays, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

- ◆ Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7 pm

NO CONFESSIONS DURING THE TRIDUUM

(Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)

PALM SUNDAY: April 13, 2025

(Palms will be blessed before Mass.)

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY: April 17, 2025

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

GOOD FRIDAY: April 18, 2025

(English)
7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
1:15 pm Seven Last Words
2:15 pm The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Bilingual)
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion
(Español)
5:00 pm Siete Palabras
6:00 pm Vía Crucis
7:00 pm Liturgia de la Pasión

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL): April 19, 2025

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY: April 20, 2025

7:30 am Mass (English)
9:00 am Mass (English)
10:30 am Mass (Español)

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY